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As a computer user,I don't think that it is right to punish Microsoft excessively.In any industry there will be some companies that are the leaders.Microsoft is a leader in the technology and software industry.They should have the right to make any improvements they feel are desirable to their products.If Microsoft has been "bullying" OEMs or their competitors(I'm unsure whether or not they've been doing this)then some behavior remedies may be in order.Breaking Microsoft up would be excessive punishment for anything they may possibly have been guilty of.Including Internet Explorer with Windows is very beneficial for computer users who enjoy internet activities.Even those who prefer Netscape can use Internet Explorer to download Netscape.There isn't any problem downloading competing products that I have found.That is hardly the way I'd expect a company taking advantage of being a monopoly to be doing.While I prefer to use Internet Explorer,I have downloaded Netscape for people who prefer Netscape without any problems doing it and using Internet Explorer to do the downloading.I started using computers October of 1995 and have been learning about how to do stuff with them mostly through reading about it on the internet.If the DOJ is looking for a company that needs a good swatting way more than Microsoft...AOL would be one that does.They bought Netscape and let it stagnate.Now they try to make it look like it's all Microsoft's fault that they have been steadily losing market share with it.There was some news reported in a local newspaper (The Durham Morning Herald) that AOL had plans to aquire RedHat Linux which hasn't happened so far.That makes me think that the only reason AOL bought Netscape was so they could use it to sue Microsoft.AOL ruined my Gateway 133 pentium PC.I wasn't having problems with it until making the mistake of putting in AOL software.I later found that other people have had even worse experiences with AOL than I had.Microsoft has been made to look like the evil monopoly by the likes of AOL and others whose doings make Microsoft look angelic by comparison.This covers most of the points I thought needed to be made about this so I'll close. Lisa A Cate

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